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FLAVELLE ANSWERS HIMSELF | Metropolitan church is an assurance that is " Mr. J. W. Flavelle, addressing the all who set apart the evening will have

is not political in a party sense, but "This country does not know that it national, and it is part of a campaign is at war. This country is drunk with to strengthen and direct the impulse toprosperity. This country has lost the ward national service. In this there respective to develop moral earnestness." is no party division. Premier Hearst, Hon. A. E. Kemp, Archdeacon Cody, Mr. Flavelle very sharply criticized Mr. Fred Pardee, M.P., representing the

those who are censorious or fault-find- Liberal party, and Mr. R. B. Bennett ing, remarking that it is very easy to are announced to address the meetings. cultivate the spirit of anger against pro- Liberals and Conservatives can unite in all such demonstrations for patriotic cofiteers and governments.

"Why," he asked, "should they ex- operation." pect that the call will come through some government circle?"

In other words, everybody should re- this week when the city council decided spond whether the government did any- to apply for permissive legislation in thing or not. And yet, in the same connection with the proposal to conspeech, Mr. Flavelle declared that in struct an institution for feeble-minded three months time in England every-body would be doing what they were Mayor Church and adopted after considerable discussion, reads, in part, as fol-

"They will be eating the food, both lows: "It is recommended that the city as to type and quality, that they are apply for permissive legislation (1) to told to eat. Manufacturers will be told permit the city to issue debentures to stop making certain articles that are without the assent of the ratepayers, for not needed, and store keepers will be \$150,000 for the erection of buildings told to stop trading in articles that are and equipment for the care of the feeble-minded; and (2) to amend the

Told by whom? By a government industrial farms act to allow the us which is big enough and hold enough of portions of the industrial farm to give the kind of leadership the coun- sites for these institutions." try needs. Mr. Flavelle has answered himself. It is true that this is not a President Wilson's latest diplomatic time to be censorious or fault-finding. move has not enhanced his reputation. But if the people were given leadership The Entente Allies are not at all moved there would be no ground for complaint, by his peace note, except to be amazed and everybody would hear and respond that it should be sent to them at this to the call, as they are about to do in time. The Liverpool Post suggests that England. This country is not so "drunk possibly he desired to elicit from Gerwith prosperity" that it will not follow many concrete terms of peace, in which a leader who has a programme and the case a useful purpose might be served; but it is quite evident he had no such intention.

### MacLEAN AND NICKEL

The straight-line tories of South York ference to principles vital to the welfare are worried over the attitude of Mr. W. of humanity, President Wilson has been F. MacLean, M.P., on the nickel ques- many times tried and found wanting in tion. He has been very outspoken, and that stern and purposeful courage which is not convinced that the government has marked the career of Abraham Lincoln done all in its power to prevent Germany from getting Canadian nickel. At President Wilson's Christmas greeting the annual meeting of the South York to the Belgian people will not comfort Conservative Association last week, Mr. them. In effect, he tells them their pres-MacLean was sharply criticized but ent plight is due to the yearning desire stood his ground. A report of his speech of Germany to protect their rights and

nominated five years ago he had asserted that he reserved the right to judge by more of the leading newspapers of for himself what position he would take Ontario shows the unmistakable trend with respect to great public questions. of public sentiment with regard to the He had contended that the nickel questraffic. tion should be controlled in Canada, and that the nickel should not be sent fence against submarines will probably out of the country to be refined by save some of them, and may also occasionally account for the loss of a submarthat he had seen that those connected ine. with the International Nickel Company, while Americans, were largely represen- The country is still waiting to discover as a result, had declined to renew its market for his Christmas turkeys. contract with the International Nickel Company. It had instead advanced sev- The citizens should show their interwould establish a nickel refining indus- the meeting in the High School building try in Canada. Another company had next Tuesday evening. also been formed to refine nickel in England. Sir Edward Carson, the new ish agents for the International Nickel is a fair question. Company. Mr. MacLean said he could The government that wanted no general election took place during the imported from Pennsylvania. coming year the association would be free to make the choice of a candidate. If Col. Stanfield withdraws his resigthe facts on the platform, in the press, and in the house of commons. When bluff, the time came he would appeal to the

upon Liberals who criticize the nickel policy of the government, but here is an independent Conservative who declares his intention of carrying the discussion into the house of commons. Evidently he is not greatly impressed by Hon. Mr. Meighen's explanation and assurance that all's well.

The Canadian Liberal Monthly says: "In considering the taxation question, the idea of taxing land values should not be passed over lightly. Revolutionary It may be, but it is correct in principle and logically sound. Building lands increase in value by the indirect and involuntary efforts of the community. Why, then, should not at least a portion of such increase belong to the community which creates it?"

The Standard will find this journal of the fireside quite ready to applaud Sir Robert Borden when he abolishes the patronage committee and gives this country a non-partisan war government,

Toronto Globe, Liberal-"Toronto should attest its deep interest in national service, even in the busy Christmas season, by a fully representative attendance at Premier Borden's meeting in Massey Hall on Friday evening. The provision for an overflow meeting in the

LIGHTER VEIN

A judge who used to wear very long A judge who used to wear very long waving hair and a heavy beard, one day was on his way to court when he was accosted by a little street boot-black, with an exceedingly dirty face, with the customary "Shine, sir?" He was very importunate, and the judge, being impressed with the terrible state of the

boy's face, said:
"I don't want a shine, but if you'll go and wash your face I'll give you six-

"All right, sir."
"Well, let me see you do it." The boy went to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions.

Returning, he held out his hand for the sixpence. The judge said:

"Well, you earned your money. Here it

all who set apart the evening will have an opportunity of hearing the leading speakers. The purpose of the meeting speakers. The purpose of the meeting and forthwith scampered off.

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tatives of Germany. The British Ad- the patriotic farmer or dealer who is miralty had made an investigation, and, willing to take less than the top of the

eral million dollars to a company which est in assessment reform by attending

What has the government at Ottawa First Lord of the Admiralty, had de- done to reduce the cost of living, or to nounced Merton and Company, the Brit-prevent it from going still higher? That

not help it if the Liberals were working truck or trade with the Yankees is feedthe issue for all they were worth. If a ing its locomotives with Yankee coal,

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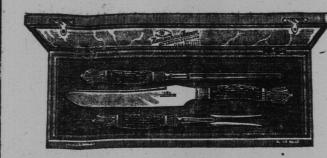
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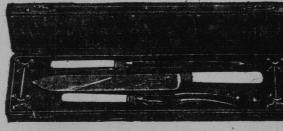
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For Third Time.

Rev. F. S. Dowling, minister of St. Three was a large gathering of officers and men of the Army Service Corps last evening at the Union Depot to bid farewell to Lieutenant A. L. Biggar, son of General Biggar, of Ottawa, who left Royal Flying Crops, has been admitted to the Wimereax hospital suffering from a severe attack of fever. This is the third time that he has been in the hospital.

Presentations.

At the dinner of the 165th Battalian From the Front.

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Soldiers at Home and Abroad

Seriously ill, Alex. Carlson. Black Point; check and to Mrs. Michaud a silver purse. The present ton was made in purse. The presentation was made in honor of their marriage, which took

At the dinner of the 165th Battalion last night, Major Legere, on behalf of the officers of the battalion, presented the officers of the battalion, presented an infantry unit, writes that the allimate of the property of the officers of the battalion, presented an infantry unit, writes that the allimate of the last night, Major Legere, on behalf of the officers of the battalion, presented an infantry unit, writes that the allimate of the legere, on behalf of the officers of the battalion behalf of the officers of the battalion are infantry unit, writes that the allimate of the last night, Major Legere, on behalf of the officers of the battalion behalf of the officers of the officers of the battalion behalf of the officers of the offi

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